

Royalton Planning Commission: February 8, 2016
Called to Order by Co-Chair Bushrod Powers at 6:00 PM

Present: Bushrod Powers, Co-Chair
Jim Rikert
Nell Gwin
Ashton Roberts
Mark Wood
Roni Johnson
Beth Wilhite

Absent: Tim Dreisbach, Chair
David Brandau

Guest: Chet Brown, Beth/Royalton
Transfer Station

Motion to Approve minutes from previous meeting, January 11:

- Motion to approve minutes as amended
 - Moved by Roni Johnson; Seconded Mark Wood; Passed unanimously

State of Trash and Effects of ACT 148, Visit by Chet Brown

- Beth/Royalton Transfer Station manages trash upwards of 50,000 lbs. weekly
- Regarding ACT 148, Transfer Stations are charged with implementing a region-wide payment system for trash collection in accordance with recycling and composting laws
- ACT 148 Effects on Royalton town regarding trash separation:
 - Already 30% of trash collection is recyclable
 - Bethel/Royalton Station has become fitted with recycling stations for conventional waste such as electronics and batteries
 - Transfer station will impose a garbage tax for disposal, however recycling is free of charge in accordance with ACT 148
 - Clean building material is recyclable as long as pruned of nails, ect.
- Fees for recycling (<http://royaltonvt.com/about-royalton/transfer-station/>)
 - Estimated at \$20/trailer of recycling
- Collection Source for Scraps to Compost
 - Issues continue regarding disposal
 - Plastic bags are restricted due to its obvious nature as not compostable
 - Transfer Station is working on routine pickup for scraps, along with safe storage from wildlife
 - Contamination with pesticides
 - Discussion ensued regarding a viable trash, recycling, and compost pickup system for residents and businesses
- Currently, Transfer Station oversees two separate pickup
 - Future Meeting by the Bethel/ Royalton Transfer Station: Presentation to the public on a region-wide Solid Waste Implementation Plan
 - Question/Concerns can be directed to Chet Brown at (802) 763-2232

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Next Planning Commission Meeting: March 14, 2016 at 7 PM EST at Royalton Academy Building

Motion to Adjourn

- Moved by Roni Johnson; Seconded: Beth Wilhite; Passed unanimously
 - Adjourned at 7:16 PM
 - Submitted by: Sandy El Hage, Recording Secretary